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**Lt. Governor Awards Grant to Senior Citizens Association for Alzheimer's  
Education Programs**

(COLUMBIA) – Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has awarded the Senior Citizens Association in Florence County a grant of \$3,500 to develop an Alzheimer's educational program for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers Florence County.

"President Reagan's long journey with Alzheimer's disease has increased awareness of this debilitating disease which affects approximately 45,000 South Carolinians," said Bauer in making the announcement. "It is important that South Carolinians have access to programs and services to cope with it. Caring for a family member with this disease can put a lot of stress on the caregiver."

Funds from the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center in the Lieutenant Governor's Office will be used to develop an educational program on Alzheimer's disease for family caregivers, interested family members nursing assistants, residential care employees, law enforcement and community service providers. who care for an older individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

The educational sessions will be offered in four week clusters. The 90 minute sessions will cover a variety of topics including disease management, medications available, legal issues and dealing with difficult behavior.

"Having worked with those affected with Alzheimer's and their family members provides me with an in-depth appreciation of the courage and needs of caregivers and those in the early stages of this debilitating disease," says Alfannie Kennedy who will coordinate these sessions.

The Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center was created by act of the State Legislature in 1994 and was signed into law by Governor Campbell. The Center provides grants to local communities for the development of respite services and educational programs for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The state Office on Aging, which houses the Center, transfers officially to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor effective July 1.

Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer says "I look forward to serving the seniors of South Carolina and advocating for seniors and their caregivers."

For more information about this educational program, call Alfannie Kennedy at 843-669-6761.